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### Remarks

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the above claim clarifications and the Remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 9-18, and 20.

Support for amendments to the claim 9 is found in claim 19, as filed.

The numbering in this response will follow that of the Examiner's Action.

1. No response necessary.

# Rejection Under 35 USC § 112

2. & 3. Claim 12 stands Rejected under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph.

The present amendment to claim 12 is respectfully submitted to address this Rejection.

Withdrawal of the Rejections is respectfully requested.

#### Rejection Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 9-12 and 16-18 stand Rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as Anticipated by US 5,696,045 (Winter).

As amended, claim 9 contains all elements of claim 19, which was indicated Allowable. The remaining Rejected claims depend from claim 9.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Rejection is respectfully requested.

### Rejection Under 35 USC § 103

- 5. Claims 13-15 stand Rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as Obvious over Winter. Claims 13-15 depend from claim 9 addressed immediately above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Rejection is respectfully requested.
- б. Allowable subject matter. Indicated allowable claim 19 (if re-written in independent format) has been incorporated instead into claim 9. Accordingly, all the remaining claims are now Allowable.

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7. No response necessary.

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